(c) is the Government aware of the great hardship caused to the litigant public of especially the original courts by the non-revision of the same ; if not, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries of the original courts and inform this House the result of such enquiry;

(d) is the Government aware of the advantages accorded to the litigant in British India by the revision of their Civil Procedure Code by Act V of 1908;

(e) has the Government any objection in according the same additional conveniences and advantages to the litigant public of our State as are accorded in British India by the revision of our Code;

(f) is not the Government aware of the material differences from our Code introduced into the revised British Code ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) 1920. It has been under the consideration of the Government till now.

(b) The revision is almost complete, and a Bill is proposed to be introduced in the Legislative Council during this session.

(c) No. No enquiry is necessary in view of the answer to (b) above.

(d), (e) and (f) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (b) above.

The necessity for a Chitty Regulation.

28. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when the necessity for a Chitty Regulation first came to the notice of the Government;

(b) how long has it been under the consideration of the Government, and what stage has it reached now;

(c) is not the Government aware that a Chitty Regulation was passed in the sister State of Travancore years ago ;

(d) has the Government yet come to the conclusion that it has become a dire necessity in our State to protect the interests of the innocent subscribing public, especially the poor among them, from the clutches and vagaries of scheming *kuri* starters;

(e) does the Government intend passing any law to regulate the conduct of *kuries* in our State ; if so, how long still is it likely to take?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) In 1917.

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(b) The matter remained under consideration till 1921 when is was ordered to lie over.

(c) Yes.

(d) and (e). The question has again been taken into consideration. The Government have not yet come to any conclusion.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—May I know at what stage it was that it was ordered to lie over, and whether any draft was prepared?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes. A Bill was prepared and forwarded to the Government, when it was ordered to lie over.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Has the Government come to any conclusion as to the necessity of any such Regulation or as to the time it may take?

President.—We have to institute enquiries as to the working of the Regulation in Travancore.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Once the draft was prepared and sent to the Government. For some reason or other, the matter was ordered to lie over. Now it is stated that the Government have not come to any conclusion, that is, in the year 1926.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—May I know whether the Government is not yet convinced with regard to the necessity of the Bill?

President.—The matter is pending. The Diwan Peishkar was asked to make an enquiry.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I am conducting enquiries as to how it is working in Travancore.

President.—Mr. Achyuta Menon, are you in a position to say, when the first draft was prepared, and whether you made any enquiries as to the working of the Regulation in Travancore? The Co-operative Registrar was asked to report, and he was asked to make a Draft Bill.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I do not see why, when we have a Legislative Council.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Exactly so.

President.—That is, no doubt, one view of the matter.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Non-official Members are not in the same position as the Government in regard to the collection of materials. Not only that; we have got paid officials also.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—I am out of order. There was a Banking Committee, and I was a member thereof. We made enquiries about the working of the Regulation, and found it was

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very useful, and therefore, we recommended the enactment of a similar measure here. It was ten years ago.

President.—Enquiries were already conducted in regard to the working of the Regulation in Travancore. I remember, when I was in the Chief Court, a reference was made as to this point. None differed. I thought the Chief Court was consulted in the matter.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—I wanted to bring to the notice of the Government that we are rather tardy. It is already nine years since we have begun to consider about it. From 1917 we began the consideration. We are now in 1926.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Government affairs cannot to be rushed through.

President.—At times, matters may remain awaiting solution for 18 or 20 years. The Banking Committee found that it was working on useful lines, and then a similar recommendation was made.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—The working of the Chitty Regulation in Travancore—what about that?

Mr. K Achyuta Menon.—The Banking Committee conducted enquiries with regard to that matter also.

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